

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 10 are pending in the application. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1 – 10 were subjected to an election of species requirement.

By this Response to Election of Species Requirement, an election without traverse, is made.

Election of Species Requirement Summary

The Examiner has required election of one of twelve species labeled Species I(A)-I(E), Species II(A)-II(D), and Species III(A)-III(C) and identification of the claims reading thereon. The Examiner asserts that Species I(A)-I(E), Species II(A)-II(D), and Species III(A)-III(C) are patentably distinct species where Species I(A)-I(E) are shown in Figures 2, and 8-11, respectively; Species II(A)-II(D) are shown in Figures 12 – 15, respectively, and Species III(A)-III(C) are shown in Figures 16 - 18, respectively.

Response

Applicants elect to continue prosecution of Species I(A)-I(E), shown in Figures 2, and 8 - 11, respectively. Applicants submit that claims 1 - 3 are readable on Species I(A)-I(E).

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner examine all of the claims of Species I(A)-I(E).

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to conduct a first substantive examination of the application. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this matter, he is welcomed to contact the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number and address.

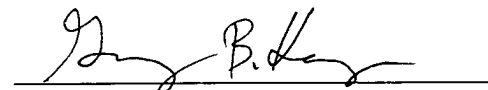
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